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As civic authority sends out notices on weak buildings, walls, property owners yet to treat matter seriously even as 1 more tragedy strikes

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PLASTIC PROMISES

Raids and fines welcome, but BSWML needs to do more than just surprise inspections to make city adhere to ban on single-use plastic

Despite clear directives to police officers to maintain professional conduct and safeguard private information, women complainants often face unwanted interactions; cases raise concerns over breach of confidentiality

BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY, INTO THE SHADY AREA

Masking names and phone numbers of complainants in all cases suggested

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After a woman took to social media to express her discomfort over messages she received from a police official months after she had approached the police for a complaint, a debate has been sparked about issues of privacy, data protection and official conduct.

To prevent misuse of complainants' personal information, cyber safety violations, and police overreach, DGP MA Saleem has issued strict statewide guidelines. These directives urged safeguarding the privacy and identity of victims and complainants, especially in sensitive cases such as sexual offences, in line with Supreme Court directions.

Officers have been instructed to maintain polite, professional conduct, ensure transparency in their interactions, and uphold the dignity and confidentiality of all complainants without compromising their privacy or reputation. The guidelines also state that any officer found unlawfully accessing, misusing, or leaking private information will face departmental inquiry and strict disciplinary action, including proceedings for criminal misconduct.

However, the latest incident raises the question if these are being followed. The woman activist, Janhavi Desai, wrote on X that a police officer misused official records for personal communication

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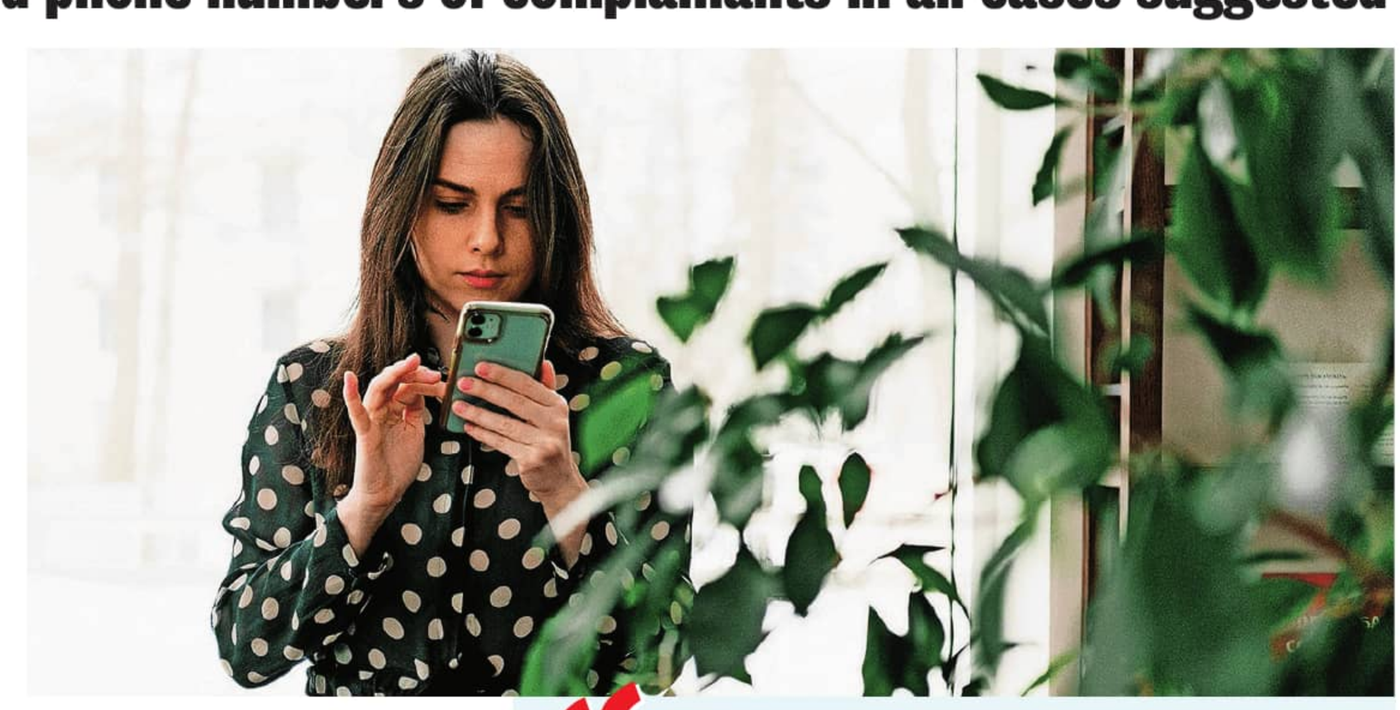

> **"As such there is a huge trust deficit between the public and the police on account of which many women choose to not report incidents to the police. Such actions where complainants are contacted socially or casually amounts not only to a serious breach of their privacy but also leads to a further erosion of trust**
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> —Ashish Krupakar, advocate

Scavenging scourge

Despite 50-year ban, survey finds 1,625 manual scavengers in GBA, highest among all regions covered

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Home to India's largest technology ecosystem and a vast workforce of migrant and blue-collar workers, Bengaluru is also Karnataka's biggest hotspot for manual scavenging, according to a recent survey.

The survey found 1,625 identified manual scavengers in Greater Bengaluru Area (GBA), the highest among all regions covered in the study. By comparison, Mysuru recorded 1,381 workers and Kolar 1,224. Bengaluru Urban district separately accounted for 135 identified workers.

The findings come more than five decades after Karnataka became the first state in India to prohibit manual scavenging and over a decade after the Centre enacted a stronger law aimed at both eliminating the practice and rehabilitating affected workers.

The findings are based on a state-wide survey conducted by the Centre for the Study of Social Inclusion (CSSI) at the National Law School of India University (NLSIU), in collaboration with the Karnataka State Safai Karmachari Development Corporation and the Karnataka State Commission for Safai Karmacharis. While thousands have been identified, rehabilitation remains far from complete. According to the report, only 6,687 workers have received the one-time

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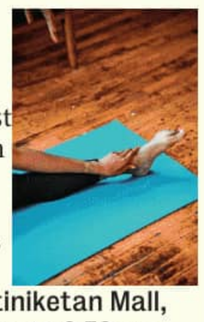
THINGS TO DO

01 Harmony unplugged

Music lovers can look forward to the Nadasurabhi June Concert featuring noted Carnatic vocalist Nisha Rajagopalan and accompanying artistes. Entry is free and free parking will be available for attendees. **Where: St. John's Medical College Campus, Koramangala; When: June 21, 4.15 pm**

02 Wellness drive



To mark International Yoga Day, Nexus Shantiniketan Mall will host Yogathon 2026 in association with The Art of Living Foundation, featuring guided yoga, breathing exercises, meditation and wellness sessions led by experienced instructors. **Where: Nexus Shantiniketan Mall, Whitefield; When: June 21, 6.30 am to 9.30 am**

03 Visual voices

To mark the 75th birth anniversary of renowned cartoonist Maya Kamath, the Indian Institute of Cartoonists is hosting an exhibition of 150 international cartoons from the International Maya Kamath Memorial Cartoon Contest 2026, themed on gender equality and women's rights. **Where: Indian Cartoon Gallery, Midford Garden Road; When: Running until June 27, 10 am to 6 pm**

04 Healthy boundaries

Urban Solace will host a boundary-setting workshop for working professionals. The session will explore challenges in saying no, recognising boundary triggers and building assertive communication skills through practical exercises and real-life scenarios. Facilitated by three Master's students in Psychological Counselling from Surana College, Kengeri. **Where: Urban Solace, Ulsoor; When: June 21, 11 am to 1 pm**

05 Verse voyage

Poet and artist Eva Garg will be the featured performer at Tuesdays. The event, recognised in the Limca Book of Records as India's longest-running poetry event. **Where: Urban Solace, Ulsoor; When: June 23, 7.30 pm to 9 pm**

AI, captain! B'luru charts course to global glory

Tech powerhouse climbs international league tables, fuelled by venture capital, rapid scaling companies, cutting-edge research and entrepreneurial ambition

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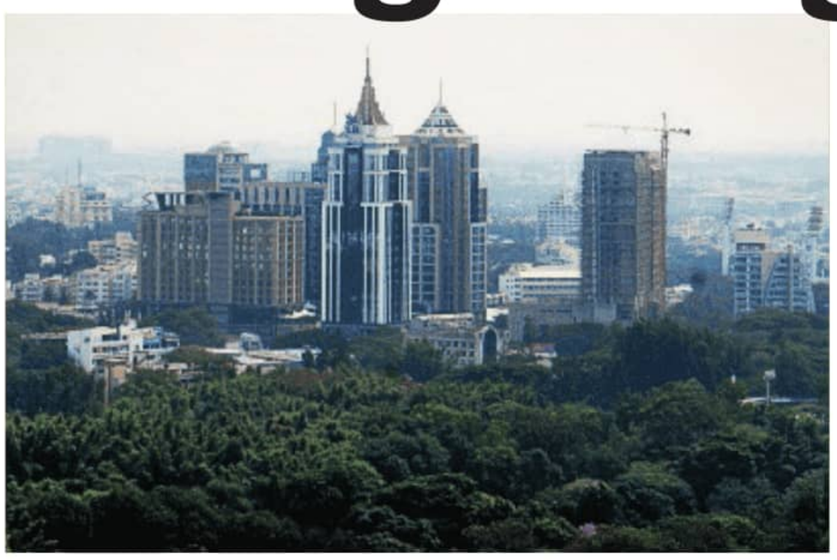

Bengaluru by the numbers

- Global Startup Ecosystem Rank: **#15**
- Asia Startup Ecosystem Rank: **#6**
- AI-Native Startup Ecosystem in Asia: **#2**
- Global R&D Engine Rank: **Top 10**
- Total Ecosystem Value: **$152.8 billion**
- Venture Funding Raised (2021–25): $39 billion
- Startup Exits (2021–25): **304**
- Exit Value Generated: **$46 billion**
- Active Unicorns: **30**
- Ecosystem Growth Since 2021: **190%**
- Share of India's AI Startup Funding: **58%**
- AI Funding Raised Since 2020: **$1.5 billion**
- Global Performance Ranking: **Top 10**
- Asia Performance Ranking: **#4**
- Asia Funding Momentum Ranking: **#4**
- Global AI-Native Cluster Ranking: **Top 15**

Bengaluru has reinforced its reputation as India's startup capital, securing 15th position globally and sixth in Asia in the Global Startup Ecosystem Report (GSER) 2026. The city has also been ranked the second-largest AI-native startup ecosystem in Asia and has entered the global top 10 for research and development-driven innovation, underlining its growing influence in emerging technologies. The rankings, released by Startup Genome in partnership with the Karnataka Digital Economy Mission (KDEM) and the Karnataka government, assess more than 350 startup ecosystems worldwide using parameters such as funding, market reach, talent, innovation output, AI ecosystem strength and overall startup performance.

Growth story

The report highlights Bengaluru's remarkable growth trajectory over the past four years. The city's startup ecosystem value has surged by 190% since 2021, significantly outpacing the global average growth of 149% and the Asian average of 66%. Today, Bengaluru's startup ecosystem is valued at nearly $153 billion, driven by strong venture capital activity, a thriving entrepreneurial culture and a steady pipeline of technology-driven companies. The city recorded 304 startup exits between 2021 and 2025, generating an estimated $46 billion in value.

Industry observers say the figures reflect Bengaluru's ability to convert innovation into commercially successful businesses faster than many established global technology hubs. The report also notes that startups in Bengaluru reach exit events in an average of 8.2 years, compared with the global average of 11.1 years, indicating quicker capital recycling and faster value creation.

IT-BT Minister Priyank Kharge said, "Bengaluru's rise to 15th place globally and its position as Asia's No. 2 AI-native startup ecosystem reflect Karnataka's focus on innovation, talent and research-led growth. These rankings reinforce our commitment to building a future-ready ecosystem that supports startups, attracts investment and drives global technology leadership."

Investor confidence in Bengaluru remains strong. The ecosystem attracted nearly $39 billion in venture funding between 2021 and 2025, placing it among the world's top 15 startup destinations and fourth in Asia for funding momentum.

AI leadership

Artificial intelligence has emerged as Bengaluru's biggest differentiator. Karnataka accounts for nearly 58% of India's AI startup funding, with AI ventures in the state raising around $1.5 billion since 2020. The state's AI ecosystem received a major boost this year with the approval of the Centre for Applied AI for Tech Solutions (CATS), an initiative aimed at accelerating innovation in artificial intelligence, robotics, automation and digital transformation.

The report identifies Bengaluru as Asia's second-largest AI-native startup cluster, reflecting the concentration of AI-first companies being built in the city. Beyond AI, Bengaluru is strengthening its position in aerospace, defence and quantum computing. Karnataka accounts for nearly two-thirds of India's aerospace and defence business activity and hosts key institutions such as ISRO, DRDO, IISc, NAL and C-DAC. The Karnataka Quantum Mission, Q-City and the launch of India's first commercially deployable 25-qubit quantum computer have strengthened Bengaluru's status as a deep-tech hub.

Aspirants struggle as KEA portal malfunctions persist

Thousands of aspirants applying for Karnataka Police Civil Constable posts are facing uncertainty as persistent technical glitches on the Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA) website remain unresolved, even 10 days after the application process opened. While the recruitment drive for 3,991 posts has generated enthusiasm among unemployed youth, many candidates, particularly those from rural areas, are returning disappointed after spending money and travelling to computer centres, only to find that their applications cannot be submitted. Operators at computer centres say only a few applications were uploaded in the initial days, with the portal remaining largely inaccessible. Candidates report little help from the KEA helpline, while name mismatches in certificates are causing further delays. With the July 3 deadline nearing, aspirants fear missing the recruitment opportunity.— **BMB**

Traffic relief as Peenya Flyover wins clearance

The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has certified the Peenya Flyover on National Highway 4 as safe for traffic after a comprehensive load test confirmed its structural integrity following major repair and cable replacement works. The flyover, a major Bengaluru transport corridor, has faced repeated restrictions over the past five years due to safety concerns and maintenance work. A four-day load test using heavy trucks was conducted to assess its structural performance under peak traffic conditions. Based on recommendations from an expert committee led by IISc professor Prof JM Chandra Kishen, more than 1,400 cables were replaced, and strengthening works worth around Rs 32 crore were undertaken. NHAI said all test parameters were within permissible limits, confirming the flyover is safe for traffic despite ongoing strengthening work on other spans. — **BMB**

3.37 lakh govt officials have got on Kartavya bandwagon

Government officials stated that the unified attendance management system under the Kartavya (KAAMS) initiative has witnessed rapid adoption, achieving 70.6 per cent registration compliance. Of the 4.78 lakh employees onboarded to the HRMS database, 3.37 lakh (70.6 per cent) had completed registration as on Thursday. Officials said registrations continue to rise daily. By 11.00 am on June 18, 2026, 1,92,605 employees, representing approximately 57 per cent of registered users, had already marked their attendance for the day.

An official said dedicated registration and training sessions are being held to onboard the remaining workforce, while technical issues are being addressed through nodal officers, a helpdesk and an AI-based voice bot. The Chief Secretary has directed departments to ensure full registration within the stipulated timeframe. — **BMB**

Litterbugs to pay and clean

At a meeting on solid waste management held on Thursday, Bengaluru Development Minister Krishna Byregowda directed officials to strengthen enforcement against public littering and improve the city's waste management system. A key decision was that anyone found dumping garbage on roads would not only be fined but would also be required to clean up the waste, in addition to paying a higher penalty.

The Minister stressed that the number of marshals patrolling litter-prone areas must be increased and that enforcement should be strict and visible.

The meeting also resolved to launch a special drive to completely clear garbage, debris and overgrowth from major roads. Officials were directed to ensure doorstep waste collection, mandatory segregation of wet and dry waste, and promote home composting and terrace gardening through awareness campaigns. — **BMB**

WALL OF SHAME

Broken structures: Buildings still stand on rickety ground

North City Corporation sends out notices to property owners over 50 unsafe buildings, but many are yet to respond

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With the monsoon already having arrived, hundreds living in or near unsafe buildings and structures face a significant threat. Keeping this aspect in consideration, the Bengaluru North City Corporation (BNCC) recently conducted a survey and found more than 50 buildings and compound walls in dilapidated condition.

While 12 rickety compound walls have been identified in Byatarayanapura (1), Vidyaranyapura (1), Sarvagna Nagara (3), Pulikesingara (3), Yelahanka (2), Hebbal (1), and Dasarahalli (1), as many as 39 ramshackled buildings have been located in Byatarayanapura (8 such buildings), Vidyaranyapura (5), Sarvagna Nagara (24), and Yelahanka (2).

All put together, the compound walls cover a length of 661 metre. However, 8 out of the 12 identified dilapidated compound walls, totaling 578 metre, have already been demolished. None of the 39 buildings have been razed so far.

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According to BNCC, notices to all owners of these buildings and compound walls have been sent, directing them to take necessary measures.

The step has been taken following an incident in April. On April 29, after heavy rain and a hailstorm, a portion of the compound wall at the Sri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Medical College and Research Institute (formerly Bowring and Lady Curzon Hospital) in Shivajinagar collapsed, killing seven people and injuring seven others.

To avoid such an untoward incident in the future, BNCC has conducted a door-to-door survey with the help of the Revenue Department. Ground survey by officials from the Revenue Department and Corporation showed there are 51 dilapidated structures that pose a danger to public safety.

"The survey was carried out over the last month, and it was found that these buildings and compound walls were in a dilapidated condition. These structures are likely to come down crashing on the neighboring residents, the public, pedestrians, motorists, and those living in the said building at any time. Thus, to prevent possible loss of life and damage to the building, we issued notices to the owners instructing them to make appropriate repairs immediately," said BNCC Commissioner Pommala Sunil Kumar.

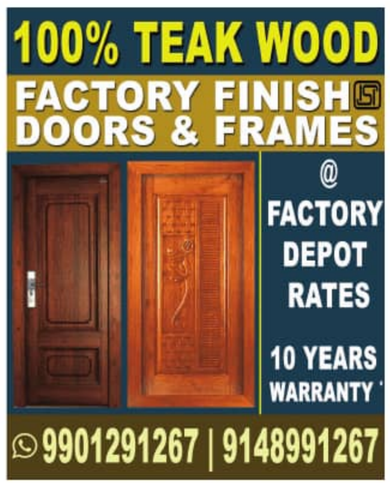
As noted in the BNCC notice, the owners were instructed to either evacuate the buildings or take appropriate precautionary measures in case of emergency, repair and secure the dilapidated building, or immediately demolish and clear the building.

The notice states that failure to do so will place the onus for any disaster, accident, or unpleasant incident that occurs in the said building on the owner, and that legal action will be taken against them.

"We issued the notice a few weeks ago but have not received any response from owners so far. We are contemplating the next step with reference to the Disaster Management Act," added Kumar.

FSL report reveals chilling details in 6-year-old's murder

Forensic reports in the murder of six-year-old Vennela in Kadugodi have revealed disturbing details about the child's death, confirming it was a homicide. The reports note injuries and abrasions on her face, blood-stained fluid from her nose and mouth, bluish discolouration around her fingernails, and severe internal injuries. Investigators found around 400 ml of blood and blood clots in her abdomen. The reports conclude Vennela died due to a combination of asphyxia caused by airway obstruction and a blow to the abdomen. They ruled out poisoning as a cause of death. Police say the child died on March 24 after being struck by Mohan, her mother Priyanka's boyfriend. –BMB



Series of unfortunate incidents: Boy dies after wall, gate collapse on him

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In the latest of wall collapse tragedies in the city, a five-year-old boy was killed and another child injured when a compound wall and gate of the house collapsed on them while they were playing near his house in Bandikodigehalli, near Bagalur, on Wednesday evening.

The deceased has been identified as Afin (5). Another child, Samanvi, sustained injuries in the incident and is currently undergoing treatment at a hospital. According to police, the incident occurred at around 6.30 pm when the two children were playing near a compound gate at their neighbour's place. While they were holding onto the wall during play, the compound wall suddenly collapsed on them, triggering panic in the area. Local residents immediately rushed to the spot and shifted the injured children to a nearby hospital.

Afin succumbed to his injuries despite medical efforts. The house where the incident occurred belongs to BC Narasappa. Preliminary investigation revealed that the wall had developed cracks earlier, which may have weakened the structure and led to the collapse.

Police said Afin's father, Dawal Saab, a cab driver, who hails from Yadgir, had arrived in Bengaluru five days ago with his wife and son. The family was staying at his sister's house in Bandikodigehalli while he searched for work.

File photo of a collapsed wall at Bowring Hospital

Police said the parents are currently at the hospital, and further action will be initiated after a formal complaint is filed. The incident falls under the jurisdiction of Bagalur Police Station.

This is the latest of such tragedies in recent months. In May, five-year-old Gousia died and her younger sister was injured after a compound wall and gate collapsed on them while they were playing near their rented house in Dwarakanagar, Chikkabanavara. Police officials said the two girls had climbed onto a gate and were standing on the gate when the 2.5 to 3-foot pillar connecting the gate to the compound wall suddenly gave way, causing the structure to collapse on them. Police have registered a UDR and filed a negligence case.

Apart from this, Bengaluru witnessed more than two separate wall collapse incidents that together claimed nearly 11 lives, raising serious concerns over the safety of ageing structures in the city. In the latest case, a 56-year-old autorickshaw driver lost his life after a 15-foot compound wall of Vijayanagar Club collapsed during heavy rain. The victim, identified as Shiva, had parked his vehicle beside the wall when the rain-weakened structure suddenly gave way, trapping him under the debris.

In an earlier incident, seven people were killed when a compound wall at Bowring and Lady Curzon Hospital in Shivajinagar collapsed during heavy rainfall. The back-to-back tragedies have once again highlighted concerns over poor maintenance and negligence of old structures across Bengaluru, despite repeated warnings. Meanwhile, citizens are questioning how many more such incidents it will take for authorities to act against unsafe infrastructure.

In another similar incident, a 49-year-old security guard, Swamy from Chikkasandra, died after a trolley gate collapsed on him at the Smart Bazaar building under Bagalagunte Police Station limits on January 28 night. The incident came to light the next day at 7 am when passers-by found him lying in a pool of blood. Police registered an unnatural death case and are investigating possible negligence or improper gate installation.

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Waste pickers fight for recognition

Grassroots recyclers unite in Bengaluru, pressing authorities for dignity, protection, livelihoods and long-overdue policy reforms in the state

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Waste pickers from across Karnataka gathered at Freedom Park on Wednesday as part of Hasiru Habba 2026, an annual celebration organised by Hasiru Dala to recognise their contribution to environmental sustainability and the circular economy. Alongside the celebrations, waste picker collectives presented a comprehensive charter of demands to various government departments, seeking stronger legal recognition, social security, housing rights and improved livelihood opportunities.

A key demand submitted to the Labour Department was the enactment of the Karnataka Waste Pickers (Rights, Registration and Welfare) Bill, 2026. Waste pickers also called for the establishment of a dedicated Welfare Board with budgetary support, universal registration and occupational identity cards, as well as access to healthcare, pensions, maternity benefits, educational assistance, and compensation for work-related injuries and deaths. They urged the government to formally recognise waste pickers as workers under labour and social security frameworks and strengthen inter-departmental coordination to improve access to welfare schemes.

The community also appealed to the Urban Development Department and the State Mission Directorate under the Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban (SBM-U) to ensure universal enumeration and registration of waste pickers through convergence with the NAMASTE Scheme. Other demands included integrating waste pickers into solid waste management systems and State bye-laws, extending access to insurance, housing and educational benefits, and allocating dedicated funds for occupational safety and infrastructure. They further sought the provision of personal protective equipment (PPE), occupational health support, and participation in waste management planning and decision-making.

Representatives submitted a charter seeking identity cards, safer workplaces, civic amenities, settlement support, compensation mechanisms and stronger institutional backing

Housing security emerged as another major concern. Addressing the Karnataka Slum Development Board (KSDB), waste picker representatives demanded recognition under the Special Category Housing Scheme, expedited slum declaration processes, issuance of Hakku Patras, and housing allocation for homeless and landless waste picker families. They also sought access to essential civic amenities such as water supply, sanitation, drainage and roads, while advocating housing designs that accommodate their livelihood needs, including space for sorting and storing recyclable materials.

The charter also focused on improving conditions for Dry Waste Collection Centre (DWCC) workers in Bengaluru. Waste pickers urged the Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Limited (BSWML) and civic authorities to complete the handover of DWCCs to waste picker groups, ensure all segregated dry waste is routed to authorised centres, and recognise DWCC workers as essential waste management personnel. They further demanded welfare benefits equivalent to those available to pourakarmikas, clearance of pending payments to waste picker-led enterprises, renewal of occupational identity cards, and the establishment of additional DWCCs across the city.

Addressing the gathering, Zaheer Basha, Assistant Labour Commissioner, acknowledged the concerns raised by waste pickers and assured them that the Labour Department would support efforts to strengthen social security measures and take their recommendations seriously. He also appreciated Hasiru Dala's role in bringing together waste picker voices from across Karnataka.

Jaya H, Secretary, Administration, Revenue and Legal Section, KSDB, received the memorandum of demands and said the Board was conducting surveys and examining amendments to existing legislation to address emerging challenges faced by vulnerable communities. She noted that while occupation-specific housing schemes may not be feasible, waste picker families remain eligible for various welfare and housing programmes.

Sustainability lessons bloom where waste once ruled

The building accommodating the experience centre and resting point for pourakarmikas

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Once a vacant building and a black spot, the site has now been transformed into an experience centre, Namma Hasiru Gnana Kalika Kendra, creating awareness among residents and students about the importance of waste segregation, composting and recycling. Many residents and schoolchildren have visited the experience centre. Located on 18th Main Road, Marenahalli, in JP Nagar II Phase, the experience centre is envisioned as a dynamic walk-in space dedicated to showcasing and advancing sustainable practices, with a strong focus on effective waste management.

"The experience centre, known as Namma Hasiru Gnana Kalika Kendra, is a good initiative to create awareness among residents and children. On average, 20 to 30 visitors, including schoolchildren, visit the centre. We are contemplating fixing visiting hours. The building has two sections — one houses the experience centre and the other serves as a resting area for pourakarmikas," said Swathi MK, popularly known as Super Swathi, a member of Women of Wisdom. The experience centre is an initiative of Women of Wisdom, with support from Socratus Foundation and LVBL Accelerator, and sponsorship from CK Ramamurthy, MLA, Jayanagar. Designed as both an interactive experience zone and a functional headquarters, the centre brings sustainability to life through real-time demonstrations, guided discussions and hands-on activities.

"I want to thank everyone responsible for establishing this experience centre. The place was once a black spot, but it has now become a beautiful learning space. Our objective is for every community to have an experience and learning centre on solid waste management, just as we have parks, schools, hospitals, HOPCOMS outlets and Nandini milk booths," said Shwetha Urs of Women of Wisdom.

Visitors can engage with practical models of waste segregation, composting, recycling and circular economy solutions, making sustainability both accessible and actionable.

The exhibits have been created from discarded materials and reimagined into purposeful installations. Sponsored by Socratus Foundation and LVBL, the exhibit models were designed by the team at AltLab Innovators and reinforce the message of reuse and transformation.

Serving as a hub for administration, training and awareness, the centre will promote structured waste management practices while empowering citizens, institutions and local bodies to adopt and scale sustainable solutions.

Namma Hasiru Gnana Kalika Kendra aspires to serve as a lasting model of responsible waste management, learning and collective action towards a cleaner, greener future.

"I am very happy to visit the experience centre. I learnt a great deal about waste management," said Nagarjuna U, a Year 7 student at St Paul's English School. Echoing the same sentiment, Gayathri K, a Year 6 student at St Paul's English School, said she learnt that waste can be divided into 40 streams. "I participated in painting on coconut shells. Visiting the experience centre was both enjoyable and educational," she said. Sahana Goutham Reddy, a teacher at Ekya School, said she accompanied students to the experience centre. "Our students assisted volunteers in beautifying the place. It was a good experience," she said.

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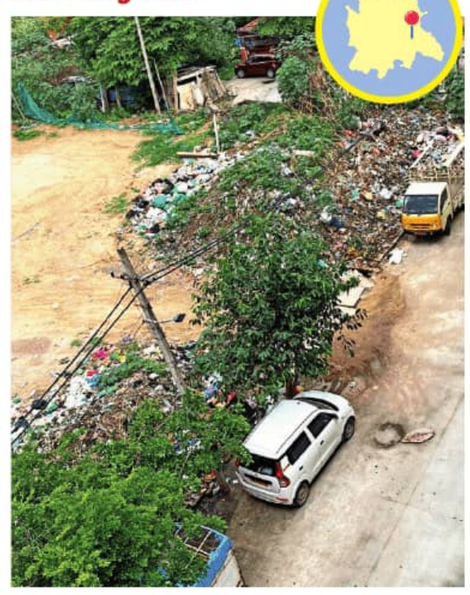
Traffic obstruction
JC Road

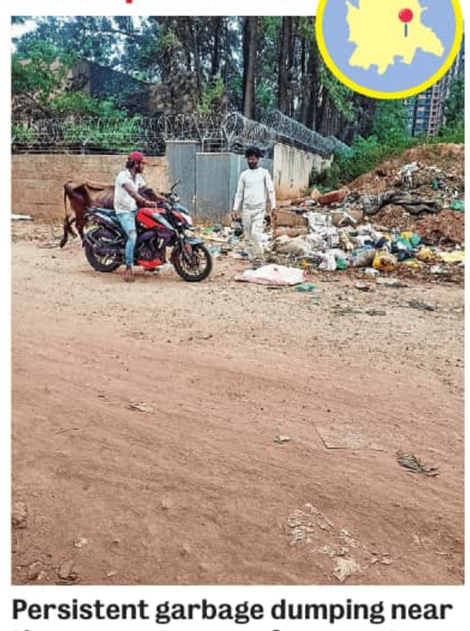
Several containers are regularly parked on JC Road, and loading and unloading activities are reportedly affecting the flow of traffic.

Garbage menace
HSR Layout



Repeated garbage dumping on 23rd Cross Road, Sector 3, HSR Layout, continues despite multiple complaints, with no permanent solution implemented so far.

Hygiene hazard
Srirampura Road



Persistent garbage dumping near the rear entrance of an apartment on Jakkur–Srirampura Road is triggering concerns over hygiene and public health.

Court warns against targeting opposing lawyers

The Karnataka High Court has voiced serious concern over what it described as an increasing tendency among litigants to implicate advocates in criminal cases merely because they represent opposing parties in legal disputes.

Justice M Nagaprasanna, while hearing a matter involving criminal proceedings initiated against an advocate, observed that courts are witnessing a growing number of cases where lawyers are being named as accused solely for performing their professional duties. The judge noted that such actions pose a threat to the independence of the legal profession and the administration of justice.

In its observations, the Court said, "Before parting with the matter, this Court considers it both necessary and appropriate to record its deep disquiet over an increasingly disturbing trend that has surfaced in recent times. This Court is encountering a plethora of cases wherein advocates, who merely represent parties before courts of law in the discharge of their professional obligations, are themselves being dragged into criminal proceedings and arrayed as accused."

The Court further observed, "Such tendency strikes at the very heart of the independence of the Bar and, by necessary extension, the purity of the administration of justice itself."

Justice Nagaprasanna emphasised that advocates act on the instructions of their clients and function within the bounds of the law. Subjecting lawyers to criminal prosecution merely for appearing on behalf of a litigant could have a chilling effect on the legal profession and discourage advocates from discharging their duties fearlessly. The Court's remarks came while quashing criminal proceedings against an advocate who had been accused of offences including forgery and violations under the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act. Justice Nagaprasanna warned against frivolous cases targeting advocates, stressing safeguards to protect lawyers performing professional duties. **–BMB**

IN HIGH COURT

Family property claims need proof, rules court

The Karnataka High Court has clarified that the existence of a Hindu joint family by itself does not create an automatic presumption that all properties held by its members are joint family properties. The Court held that a person claiming a property was acquired from joint family funds must first establish that the family had sufficient surplus income available for such a purchase.

Justice V Srishananda made the observation while dismissing a second appeal arising from a partition dispute over properties claimed to have been purchased using joint family resources.

The dispute centred on properties standing in the name of a family member. The plaintiff contended that the family patriarch purchased them using joint family income, while the defendants maintained that they were self-acquired assets and sought a declaration of title through a counterclaim.

The trial court accepted the plaintiff's claim and treated the disputed properties as joint family assets. However, the First Appellate Court reversed the finding, holding that there was no evidence of a sufficient joint family nucleus or proof that family funds financed the purchases.

Upholding the appellate court's decision, Justice Srishananda observed, "In order to establish that a particular item of the suit property is purchased out of the joint family income, it is incumbent on such propounder to establish the fact that there was surplus joint family income which was utilised for purchase of the said property." The Court said the presumption that properties held by members of a joint family are joint family assets is rebuttable. "No doubt, there is a presumption that whenever the members of the joint family possess the property, even in the individual names, they are to be considered as joint family properties... But it is a rebuttable factual presumption."

Bench found no evidence linking disputed to joint family funds, dismissing appeal **–BMB**

Plastic crackdown nets fines, seizures amid calls for stronger enforcement

BSWML raids recover banned plastic and impose penalties as activists urge authorities to lead by example citywide

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Bengaluru Solid Waste Management (BSWML) officials conducted raids on warehouses and commercial shops selling single-use plastic across the city. The officials, who conducted under the guidance of BSWML Chief Operating Officer, have imposed a penalty of Rs 1.26 lakh and seized over 240 kg of plastic.

The officials carried out raids in BTM Layout, Sarvagna Nagar, Kammanahalli and Deepanjali Nagar. They collected a penalty of Rs 10,000 each from Rajaguru Packaging and Suresh Packaging in BTM Layout and seized 15 kg of plastic. In Kammanahalli, officials confiscated around 210 kg of plastic, registered nine cases against traders and imposed a penalty of Rs 81,000. They also registered three cases against people manufacturing plastic at Muthachari Industrial Estate in Deepanjali Nagar, under the Bengaluru West City Corporation limits. Officials imposed a penalty of Rs 25,000 and confiscated 15 kg of banned plastic.

While appreciating the BSWML officials for conducting raids on single-use plastic manufacturing units, social activists and environmentalists urged authorities to ensure that government functions and meetings remain free of single-use plastic.

Demanding a ban on single-use plastic items, particularly bags and water bottles, Sowmya Raghavan, a member of the Rotary Club of RT Nagar, said plastic bags and bottles remain easily available, leading to indiscriminate use and littering.

Environmental groups say lasting change requires more than surprise inspections, urging citizens, businesses and public institutions to adopt reusable alternatives and curb the widespread dependence on disposable plastics

"Public functions must not use them and set an example to citizens. The government officials must walk the talk and not use them in their meetings. Instead, reusable items and concepts based on them such as cutlery banks must be showcased. Plastic bags can be replaced by cloth bags. This also brings livelihood opportunities. Overall, events must be re-imagined to generate less trash, more work opportunities and sustainable practices. But public activism alone will not end this menace. It must be backed by stringent government action," said Sowmya Raghavan.

Shobha Bhat, Founder Secretary of Usiru Foundation, called for strict implementation of the ban on single-use plastic and said Bengaluru is flooded with single-use plastic bags used for packing garbage and dumping it on roadsides.

"Some people are burning single use plastic at vacant places and on the roadside at different locations in the city which is not only a nuisance but also a health hazard. I want the authorities to implement the ban on single use plastic by avoiding using the single use plastic at their offices and functions organised by the government," said Shobha Bhat.

Meanwhile, Ravindranath MC of Swachhata Holiday Village Road said a recent visit to Ooty through Bandipur and Mudumalai highlighted strict enforcement against single-use plastic bottles.

"It was surprising to see how strictly environmental regulations are being implemented in our neighbouring state. It makes us wonder whether such measures are possible in our state as well. All vehicles entering from neighbouring states are checked at the check posts. Plastic water bottles are confiscated, and if anyone is found carrying or using single-use plastic water bottles in Ooty, the police impose a penalty of Rs 1,000. We noticed that most hotels use glass bottles instead of plastic ones. Shops provide paper bags instead of plastic covers. Another remarkable observation was that half-litre, one-litre, and two-litre single-use plastic water bottles are generally not available for sale. In Karnataka, we can promote the use of reusable bottles, install water dispensers at events, and encourage people to refill their own bottles instead of relying on disposable plastic ones. Protecting the environment is not only the responsibility of the government; it is the responsibility of every citizen," said Ravindranath.

House theft: Woman held, gold recovered

Konanakunte police station officers have arrested a woman in connection with a house theft case and recovered 33 grams of gold ornaments worth Rs 2.48 lakh.

According to police, the victim, a resident of Pillaganahalli, filed a complaint on June 10 stating that the house keys had been kept under a flower pot before leaving home. On returning, the complainant found that someone had entered the house and stolen gold ornaments kept in a cupboard.

During the investigation, police identified the suspect and apprehended the woman near Annapurna Layout in Kengeri the same night. During questioning, she allegedly confessed to the theft and disclosed that she had hidden the stolen ornaments at her residence. Police recovered the gold ornaments from her house on June 11. The accused appeared before a court and entered judicial custody on June 12. **–BMB**

Congress sweeps five seats, BJP two

In the first electoral battle since the new government under Chief Minister D K Shivakumar took charge in Karnataka, the ruling Congress on Thursday won five of the seven Legislative Council seats that went to polls, while the opposition BJP won two, official sources said.

Reports also indicated cross-voting by legislators from both the BJP and JD(S), as Congress candidates secured more votes than expected, sources said.

Eight candidates contested the seven MLC seats elected by MLAs, with voting held at Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru.

Congress candidates Thippannappa Kamknoor, P V Mohan, B K Hariprasad, Shivanna B S and Vinay Karthik Prakash won the elections. BJP candidates Lingaraj Patil and Raghu R also secured victories.

JD(S) candidate Govindaraju lost the contest. The election was held ahead of the retirement of seven sitting MLCs on June 30. **–PTI**

Digital walkie-talkies upgrade police communication efficiency

New devices offer encrypted channels, GPS tracking, noise control and dedicated talk groups, ensuring faster, clearer and more secure communication

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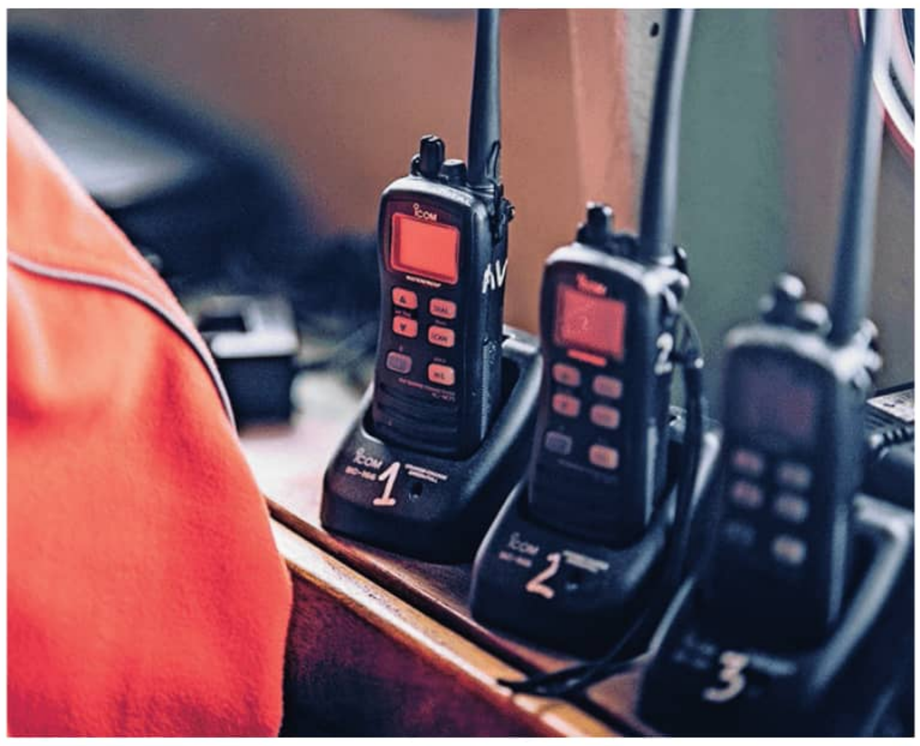


Police personnel gain modern digital walkie talkies with superior clarity, secure messaging, GPS and unit specific channels, boosting coordination, efficiency and emergency response under the state's modernisation programme

In a major step towards modernising the state police communication system, the Police Department has begun distributing next-generation digital walkie-talkies to police personnel across the state. The new devices are replacing the ageing analogue wireless sets that have been in use for several years. Equipped with advanced digital technology, the upgraded communication equipment is expected to significantly improve operational efficiency, coordination and response capabilities during police duties.

A senior police official said, "The digital walkie-talkies offer superior voice clarity, secure communication channels and faster information exchange. Under the previous analogue system, personnel often faced issues such as signal interference, background noise and occasional disruptions in message transmission. The new digital platform is expected to overcome these challenges by providing clearer audio quality and more reliable connectivity, ensuring that critical information reaches officers without delay. The enhanced communication network will play a vital role in improving field operations and decision-making during emergencies."

One key feature of the new system is the ability to create separate talk groups for different police units. Dedicated communication channels can now be assigned to law and order teams, traffic police, crime investigation units and emergency response personnel. This feature was unavailable in the older analogue sets, where multiple teams often had to share communication frequencies. The new arrangement will enable different units to coordinate more effectively without communication overlap, resulting in smoother and more organised operations. Additionally, some of the latest models are equipped with GPS tracking, emergency alert transmission and user identification capabilities, allowing control rooms and senior officers to monitor field personnel more efficiently.

The deployment of the new devices has already commenced in major cities and district headquarters across the state. Authorities have also prepared plans to gradually extend the technology to all police stations and specialised units in the state. To ensure a smooth transition, police personnel are being trained in the operation and features of the new communication system. Officials said that city police personnel have already received the digital walkie-talkies, while distribution to district police units is expected to begin shortly.

A senior police official stated that the new walkie-talkies are being introduced as per departmental directives and are expected to provide substantial benefits to personnel. He noted that the devices are equipped with advanced noise-control technology, enabling effective communication even in extremely noisy environments. According to him, officers can communicate clearly even while standing near sound sources producing noise levels of up to 120 decibels, such as high-volume DJ systems or crowded public events. The adoption of the latest communication technology is expected to improve convenience, coordination and overall efficiency among police personnel.

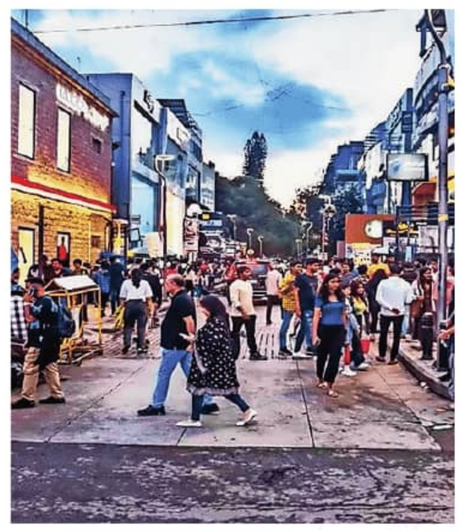
Compared to the older analogue sets, the digital devices offer several significant advantages. While analogue systems often suffered from reduced voice clarity and were vulnerable to signal interception, the digital sets provide encrypted communication for greater security. They also support both voice and text messaging, offer longer battery life and display the identity of the user transmitting a message. Furthermore, the new technology enables the management of multiple communication groups simultaneously, a feature that was limited in the previous system.

Senior officials believe that the modern communication infrastructure will strengthen policing in areas such as crime control, crowd management, VIP security, election duties and disaster response. Faster and more reliable information sharing is expected to improve operational effectiveness while enhancing the quality of public service delivery. "As part of the state police modernisation programme, the introduction of digital walkie-talkies is viewed as a significant technological upgrade that will help police personnel respond more quickly and efficiently during emergencies and critical situations," an official added.

Citizens' plea to save Church Street

Concerned residents of Church Street have written an open letter to Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, raising serious concerns over alleged encroachments, poor enforcement of civic regulations, and deteriorating pedestrian safety on one of Bengaluru's most prominent streets.

Residents described Church Street as a symbol of "administrative failure and official indifference" and questioned why the Karnataka government's policy to protect footpaths for pedestrians has not been implemented effectively despite repeated assurances. They alleged that unauthorised vendors increasingly occupy footpaths, forcing pedestrians onto busy roads. The residents said senior citizens, women, children and persons with disabilities face the greatest hardship. They also highlighted concerns over garbage accumulation, public nuisance and declining accessibility. Sanjay Kumar, President,



Church Street Association, said, "A key issue is the perceived lack of action by civic authorities despite multiple complaints from residents."

The letter stated, "If the Government cannot effectively implement and enforce its own policy on a stretch of merely 750 metres, how can it claim to govern an entire state or aspire to govern an entire nation?"

A resident associated with the campaign said, "This is not a demand for special treatment. We are only asking authorities to enforce the laws and policies that already exist. Footpaths are public infrastructure meant for pedestrians, and citizens should not be forced onto roads because of unchecked encroachments." — BMB

Pittance in the name of rehab has not reached many

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cash assistance of ₹40,000 provided under rehabilitation programmes. Hundreds are yet to receive even this support. More significantly, 6,507 respondents said they had not received benefits under government welfare and rehabilitation schemes meant to help them move into alternative livelihoods. "The purpose of the legislation was not merely to identify workers but to ensure their rehabilitation and social integration. The survey indicates that this objective remains only partially fulfilled," a person associated with the study said. The report also highlights the economic challenges faced by affected families. As many as 2,204 workers reported annual incomes of less than ₹11,000, while 1,765 earned below ₹20,000 a year. Another 1,580 workers reported annual incomes of up to ₹50,000.

Housing conditions remain poor for many. The survey found that 420 respondents continue to live in huts or temporary dwellings, reflecting the socio-economic vulnerabilities that persist despite decades of legal interventions. Researchers noted that sanitation-related hazardous work continues to be performed largely by middle-aged Scheduled Caste workers, although individuals above the age of 60 are also engaged in such occupations. Women, too, continue to be part of the workforce.

The report further states that many workers remain unaware of legal safeguards and rehabilitation measures available under existing laws. Access to government schemes related to housing, self-employment, agriculture and livelihood generation has been limited, with only a handful of beneficiaries availing support under several programmes.

"Identification without sustained rehabilitation leaves many families vulnerable to continuing cycles of poverty and exclusion," the report noted.

Karnataka banned manual scavenging in 1974 under the leadership of then Municipal Administration Minister B Basavalingappa, becoming the first state in the country to do so. This was followed by central legislation in 1993 and a more comprehensive rehabilitation-focused law in 2013. In 2014, the Supreme Court directed governments to eradicate the practice and ensure rehabilitation of affected workers.

Kavitha J, a social activist, said, "Yet, the survey suggests that despite five decades of legal prohibition, the goal of ensuring dignified livelihoods for all identified workers remains unfinished. The fact that the Greater Bengaluru Area accounts for the state's highest number of identified manual scavengers adds another dimension to the challenge facing Karnataka's largest urban centre."

Anganwadi workers make inaccurate voter records claim

Concerns over the ongoing pre-Special Intensive Revision (SIR) voter mapping exercise in Karnataka intensified on Thursday after the Karnataka State Anganwadi Workers' Association alleged irregularities in the process and claimed that workers were being pressured to prepare inaccurate voter records.

The issue was highlighted by the "My Vote, My Right" campaign, which said the allegations cast serious doubts on the integrity of the voter mapping exercise being undertaken ahead of the SIR process. The campaign noted that the concerns assume significance in light of statements by Karnataka Chief Electoral Officer Anbu Kumar that approximately 85% of voter mapping has already been completed in the state.

According to the association, Anganwadi workers involved in the exercise have been instructed by local election officials to map married women under their marital households rather than their parental families. The workers have also raised concerns about being assigned voter verification targets without sufficient training on revised procedures. The campaign further pointed to complaints that around 5,000 Booth Level Officers (BLOs) had received warning notices threatening suspension or imprisonment if assigned tasks were not completed within stipulated timelines. — BMB

HIGHLIGHTS

Battle against online abuse

Captains at Thursday's World Cup fixtures will exchange special pennants denouncing discrimination to mark the International Day for Countering Hate Speech, as FIFA revealed it has blocked hundreds of thousands of abusive posts during the tournament.

The pre-match exchange will feature in all four of the day's fixtures.

Organisers confirmed the pennants will bear the slogan "We Play Together. We Stand Against Hate," written in English on one side and the teams' native languages on the reverse.

The initiative comes as football's world governing body battles escalating online abuse. FIFA reported that its automated social media protection service, launched ahead of the 2022 World Cup in Qatar, has removed more than 30 million abusive posts and comments to date.

-Reuters

South Africa to appeal Zwane call

South Africa will be appealing to the red-card and three-match suspension given to Themba Zwane, as head coach Hugo Broos asked why Argentina star Lionel Messi received different treatment during his campaign opener against Algeria despite stamping a player on his leg. Zwane was shown a red card during the 84th minute of his side's campaign opener against Mexico, reducing South Africa to nine men during their 2-0 loss and was later slapped with a three-match ban for violent conduct. On the other hand, during Argentina's campaign opener against Algeria, no action was taken against Messi even when he stamped on the back of Aissa Mandi's leg, which Broos feels is a double standard in officiation. **-ANI**

KANE & ABLE

Kane ties England's record for World Cup goals in 4-2 win over Croatia

England's Harry Kane (9) celebrates after scoring a goal

Hey, Jude, you and Harry didn't let England down.

Harry Kane scored twice to equal the English record for World Cup goals, and Jude Bellingham put England in front for good two minutes into the second half of a 4-2 victory over Croatia on Wednesday.

Martin Baturina and Petar Musa answered each of Kane's first-half goals in a rematch of a 2018 semifinal won by Croatia. Musa's goal came on the final play before the whistle ending the first half.

The even score didn't last long once play resumed.

Bellingham took a long pass from Elliot Anderson and stayed clear of the defender the rest of the way, sending a shot past Dominik Livakovic and in off the far post. Marcus Rashford padded the lead in the 85th minute.

"He just told us to let the shackles off," Kane said of coach Thomas Tuchel's halftime message after Croatia pulled even so late before the break. "The way we conceded that second goal is not the team we want to be. He finally just said, 'What's the worst that can happen? We lose the match, first group game, we get on with it.' We move on. Just go and kind of show the world who we can be."

Kane, who won the Golden Boot at the 2018 World Cup in Russia by scoring six times, is up to 10 World Cup goals, tying Gary Lineker's mark from the 1986 and 1990 tournaments.

The 32-year-old's first goal came on his second chance on a penalty kick after Livakovic's save on the first try was nullified by a video review that showed both his feet off the goal line as Kane was striking the ball.

Kane went the same way toward the right post with the second attempt, while Livakovic lunged the other direction, to his right.

The penalty was called when Luka Modric, the 40-year-old midfielder who extended his Croatian record by appearing in his fifth World Cup, kicked Noni Madueke in the thigh.

Kane matched Lineker's mark when the Bayern Munich striker easily beat Livakovic with a powerful header off a corner kick from Declan Rice. Kane has 81 international goals.

"We scored two goals that were good actions and good situations, but they were too little," Croatia coach Zlatco Dalic said through an interpreter. "England was very difficult, (we) also have to be strong on the defensive side."

-AP

'Far from over': Ronaldo reacts after draw

Portugal captain Cristiano Ronaldo remained optimistic after his side was held to a 1-1 draw by DR Congo in their FIFA World Cup 2026 opener, stating that the team must quickly shift focus to the next match.

Taking to X, Ronaldo said, "It wasn't the start we wanted, but this is far from over. Head up and focus on the next game," reflecting a determined outlook despite the dropped points.

Ronaldo endured another difficult night in Portugal's 1-1 draw against DR Congo in their FIFA World Cup 2026 opener, with the veteran striker struggling to make an impact throughout the contest.

Portugal's Cristiano Ronaldo applauds their fans after the match

Ronaldo finished the match with 25 touches, attempting three shots without hitting the target, and winning just one duel, underlining how effectively he was contained by the DR Congo defence, according to ESPN FC's X handle.

It was also one of the lowest involvement games of his World Cup career, marking the second-fewest touches he has ever recorded in a World Cup start, highlighting his limited influence in Portugal's attacking play.

The frustration adds to a growing concern over his form in major tournaments, as Ronaldo has now gone 10 consecutive matches without scoring in major competitions, an unwanted streak that continues despite his experience and status on the global stage.

Portugal, meanwhile, were held 1-1 after Yoane Wissa's equaliser cancelled out Joao Neves' early opener, as Roberto Martinez's side dropped points in their opening fixture.

-ANI

Drone & dusted

Ahead of his side's FIFA World Cup match against co-hosts Mexico, South Korea coach Hong Myung-bo described the appearance of a drone during their training session as "unfortunate".

Mexican security forces told Reuters that the drone was intercepted over the training ground on Tuesday, as it was not registered. The intervention was under a security operation implemented across the cities hosting World Cup matches, which involved coordination of thousands of personnel and technology devices.

The heightened measures are because authorities are trying to boost safety in Jalissco, a state which has faced a lot of criminal activity from violent groups fighting over drug trafficking routes and other crimes. The interruption occurred just when the team was getting started with some sensitive tactical work, but the coach noted that their primary preparations remained intact.

"It did not impact us significantly, but while we were preparing for the match, that was the most important timing, so what happened was unfortunate," Hong said as quoted by Reuters. **-ANI**

Match-fixing shadow

Ivory Coast striker Elye Wahi, who is being investigated into suspected match-fixing, has not been authorized to travel to Canada for his team's next World Cup match against Germany, the Ivorian soccer federation said on Thursday.

Ivory Coast faces Germany on Saturday in Toronto.

The federation said Wahi will not be able to travel with the squad because "the necessary administrative authorizations for his entry into Canadian territory could not be obtained at this stage."

Wahi started in attack for Ivory Coast when it beat Ecuador 1-0 in its opening game in Philadelphia on Monday. He will remain in the United States pending the team's return, the federation said. **-AP**

Power play

Football passion runs deep in Kerala, where fans often go to extraordinary lengths to follow their favourite teams and players.

That devotion was on full display in Kanjoor in Ernakulam district on Wednesday night when a power cut prevented locals from watching Portugal's World Cup match against DR Congo.

Unwilling to miss the action while also protesting the power cut, a group of Cristiano Ronaldo supporters gathered at the local Kerala State Electricity Board (KSEB) field office and watched the game on a mobile phone.

Visuals of the incident aired in TV channels showed the protestors, all young men, sitting inside the KSEB field office and watching the Portugal-DR Congo fixture on a mobile phone.

The youths could also be heard inviting the official on duty to sit and watch the game with them.

"Why are you cutting power when people are watching football on TVs in their homes? What is the need to carry out load shedding now when everyone in Kerala is watching the world cup? **-PTI**

Guidelines demand inquiry, action against officers in violation

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nearly nine months after she registered a complaint on August 31. The Police Sub-Inspector attached to Varthur Police Station allegedly contacted her via WhatsApp months after she had submitted her phone number during a complaint registration in 2025. According to screenshots shared by her, the officer allegedly activated disappearing messages and altered privacy settings before sending her a casual greeting on June 17, around 12:16 pm. When questioned, he reportedly apologised but failed to offer a clear explanation. Desai has tagged senior Bengaluru City Police officials, raising concerns over conduct and potential breaches of confidentiality in handling complainant data, questioning whether such communication practices are appropriate.

The office of the Deputy Commissioner of Police (Whitefield Division) acknowledged the complaint and directed Varthur Police to investigate the matter. The complainant later stated she received a call from the PSI seeking to record her statement. The incident is currently under inquiry by the Whitefield Division.

In April, a Bengaluru police inspector was accused of harassing rowdy-sheeter Yashaswini Gowda, popularly known as 'Lady Don'. She alleged that the officer attached to Konanakunte Police Station sent her obscene messages and made repeated phone calls, including texts such as "I love you" and "You are very sexy". Gowda submitted chat records and a formal complaint to senior police officials, after which the messages reportedly went viral. She also claimed the officer addressed her informally and asked her to call him "Paapu" instead of "sir", alleging that the harassment continued over several months.

Legal experts say such contacts made by law officers must be treated with utmost seriousness. "The issue of law enforcement officers contacting victims for purposes that lie outside the scope of their official duty is a matter of serious concern," said advocate Ashish Krupakar. "Personal information is sought from the victims in order to contact them for the purposes of investigation and to keep them updated on the progress of the matter and not for any other purpose. As such there is a huge trust deficit between the public and the police on account of which many women choose to not report incidents to the police just to avoid the hassles of legal processes. Such actions where complainants or victims are contacted socially or casually amounts not only to a serious breach of their privacy but also leads to a further erosion of trust," he said.

He said the police department must take more proactive measures to instill more trust in the public that their information won't be leaked or misused. He also pointed out that at the very least, FIRs should be anonymised by masking names and phone numbers. He noted that only in sexual offence cases are currently kept confidential when uploaded online, but argued that similar safeguards should be extended more broadly to protect personal details.

In the past, action has been taken against officials accused of harassment. An Inspector at Kodigehalli Police Station was suspended after a woman complainant alleged that he misused her contact number obtained during an investigation. She claimed he repeatedly messaged her and even handed her a hotel room key when she visited the station. At Sadduguntepalya Police Station, a PSI was suspended and booked after a female complainant accused him of inappropriately touching her, obtaining her phone number, and later sending her messages on WhatsApp.

Social media reaction

However, social media reaction to Desai's post has been mixed. While some advised her to simply block the officer, others shared her image online and criticised her for "overreacting", pointing out that the screenshots reportedly showed only casual messages such as "hi," "how are you," and "sorry," with no explicit or obscene content. However, the complainant maintained that her concern was not about the nature of the messages alone, but about the issue of privacy and the use of personal data shared during an official complaint.

Some users reacted strongly in support of the complainant, arguing that such conduct reflects deeper issues within the system. One user wrote, "The same police officers will abuse men for filing complaints. What a country we live in. How dare a police officer message anyone on their mobile number?"

Another commented, "What a shame for a police officer. He must have done this with other females as well. Lodge a complaint against him in his own police station. He will never do it again," while a different user remarked, "Ironically, these same police officers do not even pick up calls from male complainants, let alone bother with any follow-up communication."

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I, Sufiya Bano W/o.Suhail Khan R/o No 84 1st floor 4th main road opp mk house new Gurappanapalya blore 560029 have changed my name to sufiya Banu. for all purposes.

I, Nataraj R/O Lakshmisagara Bellavi Hobali Chennenahalli Pos Tumakaru 572107 have changed my name to Nataraj M C.

I, Gayathri, W/o Nirmal Kumar .M, residing at No.10, 3rd Cross Road, Rajiv Gandhi Nagar, Near Chowdeshwari Temple, Laggere, Bangalore-560058, here by declare that my minor son's name Diganth Y & father's name as Yogananda are wrongly entered in the birth certificate, correct name is DIGANTH & Father's name as NIRMAL KUMAR M only, vide affidavit dt: 17.06.2026 Notary Devaraja E, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **MUNIRAJA C**, residing at Urati Agrahara village, Santhekallahalli post, Kolar Taluk and Kolar District, Karnataka - 563128. I have changed my father's name from **CHADRAPPA** to **CHANDRAPPA**, My surname from **CHADRAPPA** to **CHANDRAPPA** & My Spouse Name from **YAMUNA RANI SRINIVAS** to **YAMUNA RANI SRINIVASA** for all purpose. Sworn before **Manjunathareddy**, Notary & Advocate, Chinthamani vide affidavit dated: 18/06/2026.

I, Mrs. KAVITA JAIN, W/o Manish Kumar K aged 36 years residing at No.07, 6th floor, subramanya lane, Akkipet cross, cottonpet Main road bangalore 560053 Have changed my name from KAVITA NEMICHAND PALRECHA TO KAVITA JAIN AFFIDAVIT dated 20-03-2019 Sworn to before notary public B.K.R Krishnamurthy, bangalore

WE, VITHAL RAO, S/o Shiva lingappa, R/at A.N Comforts Apt No. 103, A Block, Gubala alla main road, Gubbalalla, Bangalore-560061, here by declare that our minor son's name SACHIT DHETAN and SACHIT both names are one & only, vide affidavit dt: 17.06. 2026 Notary G.R Rajanna, Blore

I Abhirami Sankaranaray - anan R/o 584, Guru Guha, Nagamma Road, Reddy Layout, 2nd Cross Nehru Road Cross, Kammanahalli, St Thomas Town, Bengaluru-560084 have changed my name to Abhirami for all purposes.

I, Mohammad Rafiq Ahmed S/o Ameer Basha R/o No 13/5,9th Main,4th Cross Mico Layout,Taverekere Post, Bengaluru-560029.Have changed my name to Mohammed Rafi for All Purposes.

I, Naressh Beharilal Makhijaa s/o Beharilal Makhija Gagoomal R/o 6, Lisha Residency, Flat G1, 1st Main, 3rd Cross, Nagashettyhalli, Rmv, B'luru, 560094 have changed my name to Naresh Makhija for all purposes

I, Rasheeda Begum Kareem W/o Riyaz Shaik Mahaboob R/o No 21/1, Wheeler Road 1st Cross, Sindhi Colony, Pulikeshinagar, Fraser Town, Bengaluru 560005. Have Changed My Name to Rasheeda Riyaz for All Purposes

I, Veena Ambekar Hanumantharao, w/o Sathyanarayana Temkar Venkobarao, residing at No.55, Agrahara, Yelahanka, Bengaluru, have changed my name from Veena Ambekar Hanumantharao to Veena for all future purposes vide affidavit dated 16/06/2026

I, Pruthvi C G S/o Gopala Swamy K V R/o 118 Ss Residency, FF2 , Dwaraka Nagar 4th Main Road , Bda Link Road Channasandra RR Nagar Bangalore 560098 have changed my minor daughter's name from AATHVI C P aged 6 years and shall hereafter be know as Vivanshhi P.

I, Safeena Taranum Mazhar baig W/o ikramulla shariff.No 156 3rd floor ayaz manzil 4th c cross ilyas nagar JP nagar post blore 560078 have changed my name to Safeena Taranum for all Purposes.

I, Nagendra Chennaiah S/o Channaiah Magaiah R/o No 20 1st Main 4th Cross Maruthi nagar Madiwala Bengaluru-560068 Have Changed my name to Nagendra Channaiah for All Purposes

I Mohammed Muqthair Ahmed S/O, Mohammed Imam Sab R/o 26, 18th Cross, 1st Main Road, Mangammanapalya, Bengaluru 68 have changed my name to Mohammed Muqthar Ahmed.

I Ramsran Gupta (aged 39 years) and my wife Parimala devi (aged 36 years) R/O - Ramsaran Gupta, site no 50/51, Mahalaksmi layout, chikkanekkundi, bengaluru, karnataka 560087 We have changed our name and we shall be hereafter be known as Ramsaran Gupta and Pramila devi all further purposes.

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Role call became soul call— Vedang Raina says Main Vaapas Aaunga transformed him, recalling how acting at 19 made him feel most alive

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Best dancer of them all

Actress reveals co-stars avoided role opposite Bollywood's dancing queen

Actor Karisma Kapoor has revealed that several actresses declined the role of Nisha in the 1997 hit Dil To Pagal Hai because they were intimidated by the prospect of dancing alongside Madhuri Dixit.

Karisma said no actress wanted to take on a role that required competing with Madhuri, who was widely regarded as one of Bollywood's finest dancers.

"When Dil To Pagal Hai was being made, no actress wanted to do the role opposite Madhuri. Nobody wanted to dance with her and compete with her in a dance face-off," she said.

Directed by Yash Chopra, the film featured a memorable on-screen rivalry between Madhuri and Karisma, earning both actors widespread acclaim.

Reflecting on Nisha, Karisma said the character broke the conventional mould of a Hindi film heroine. Unlike typical romantic leads, Nisha's love remained unrequited, allowing audiences to connect with her emotional struggle.

Dil To Pagal Hai also starred Shah Rukh Khan and remains one of Hindi cinema's most celebrated musical romances.

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Ishaan's faith beyond boundaries

Ishaan Khatter recently addressed questions about his faith during an Instagram Ask Me Anything session, offering a light-hearted response before sharing a more personal reflection.

A fan asked the actor about his religion, saying they were confused. In reply, Ishaan referenced a popular meme, writing, "Jai Jesus, Shree Allah, Holy Spirit Di Fateh."

He later followed up with a more thoughtful message, explaining the values he identifies with beyond religious labels. "Nature, kindness, humanity, creation," he wrote.

The response was accompanied by a photograph of the actor standing against a scenic backdrop filled with hot air balloons.

Ishaan, who gained wider popularity following the success of The Royals, made his acting debut with Beyond the Clouds and later starred in films including Dhadak, Phone Bhoot and Pippa.

He comes from a family with diverse cultural roots. His mother, Neelima Azeem, was raised in a Muslim household, while his father, Rajesh Khattar, belongs to a Punjabi Hindu family.

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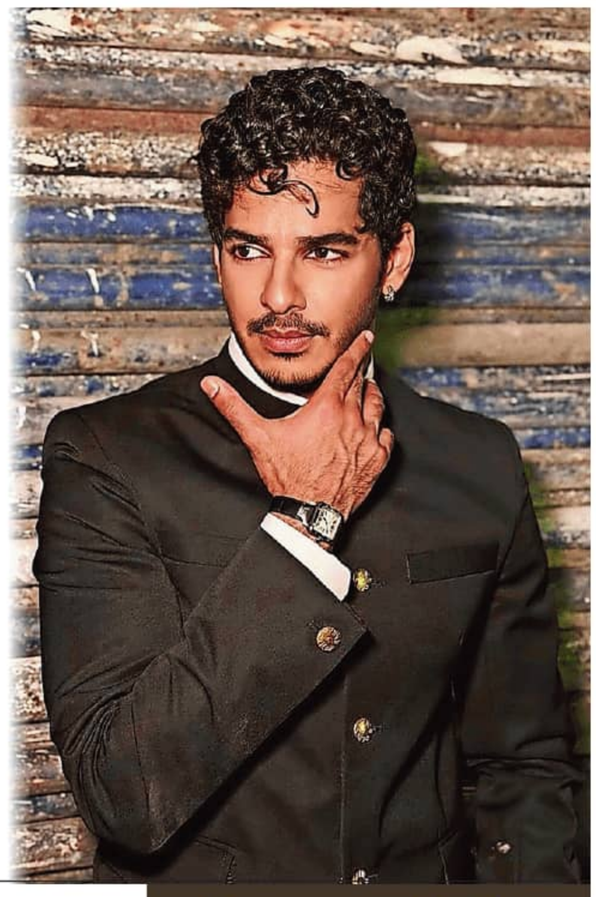


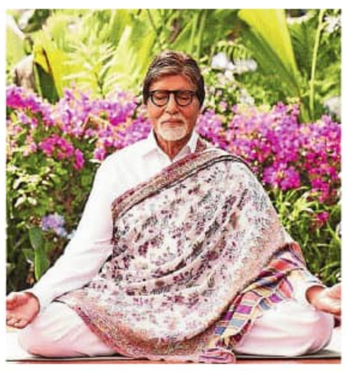
Big B faced big freeze

Veteran celebrity photographer Ramakant Munde has recalled a period when entertainment photographers collectively boycotted Amitabh Bachchan following an alleged incident during a Bachchan family wedding.

Munde claimed photographers faced restrictions at the celebrations due to exclusive photography arrangements. He alleged that media personnel waiting outside the family residence for pictures were treated discourteously.

According to Munde, resentment grew after photographers were allegedly handed water in plastic pouches thrown towards them by security staff. The episode prompted photographers to stop covering Bachchan's public appearances for nearly a month.

Munde recalled the silent protest at the premiere of Cheeni Kum, directed by R Balki. While photographers gathered at the venue, none called out to Bachchan as he arrived, creating an unusual atmosphere.



He said the actor appeared to notice the silence before entering the event.

Despite the episode, Munde said he has always maintained a good professional relationship with Bachchan and worked with him on several occasions.

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Jinx tag falls, star rises

Raveena Tandon has recalled being labelled "Little Miss Jinx Raveena" by sections of the media after a series of box-office disappointments following her debut opposite Salman Khan in Patthar Ke Phool (1991).

The actor said the criticism never affected her belief that a film's success or failure could not be attributed to one person alone. "You give your 100 per cent. Sometimes it works, sometimes it doesn't," she said.

Raveena revealed that her fortunes changed with Mohra (1994), after producer Gulshan Rai described her as a "lucky mascot". She said the industry's perception shifted almost overnight, with producers eager to cast her.

Reflecting on the 1990s, Raveena said actresses were expected to prioritise glamour, even in emotional scenes. She admired actors like Aruna Irani, Kirron Kher and Reema Lagoo for playing layered roles, adding that Shool helped audiences see beyond her glamorous image.

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Marriage woes

Director RK's upcoming Kannada film, Naaguge Vadhu Bekaagide (Wanted a Bride for Nagu), explores the challenges faced by men seeking suitable brides amid a growing shortage of eligible women in both urban and rural areas.

Produced under the banner of Sri Guru Raghavendra Kannada Cinemas, the film has been written, directed and scripted by RK. The audio was unveiled by Karnataka State Commission for Women Chairperson Nagalakshmi Choudhary, while director Chetan Kumar released the title.

Praising the film's music and theme, Choudhary said the mother-son relationship had been portrayed effectively and appreciated the film for highlighting the difficulties faced by prospective bridegrooms. RK said rising expectations among some families inspired the story. According to him, many women seek grooms with government jobs, property in Bengaluru and independent living arrangements.

The film stars Dattu Poojary, Sonica Somanna, Chithral Rangaswamy, Apoorvasri, Rekha Das and Bow Bow Biriyani Jayaram.

Gramayana sets date

Gramayana, starring Vinay Rajkumar and Megha Shetty, is set to release on July 3. The film's song, Yene Helu Kusuma, was unveiled by Lahari Velu during a function at Kalavidara Sangha on Monday.

The track features vocals by Nihal Tauro and Sakshi Kallur, with lyrics by Pramod Maravanthe and music by Poornachandra Tejaswi. Directed by Devanuru Chandru, the film is produced under the Lahari Films banner.

Lahari Velu said Gramayana is the ninth film from the production house and expressed confidence in its content and music. He noted that the film features nine songs and that the previously released track Benki had received a positive response.

Director Chandru thanked the music director and playback singers, describing the film as a wholesome entertainer set against a rural backdrop. Vinay Rajkumar said Gramayana is his ninth film and expressed happiness that its release date was announced at the same venue where its muhurat was held.

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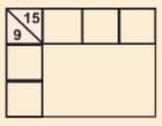
SOLVE IT IN A MINUTE

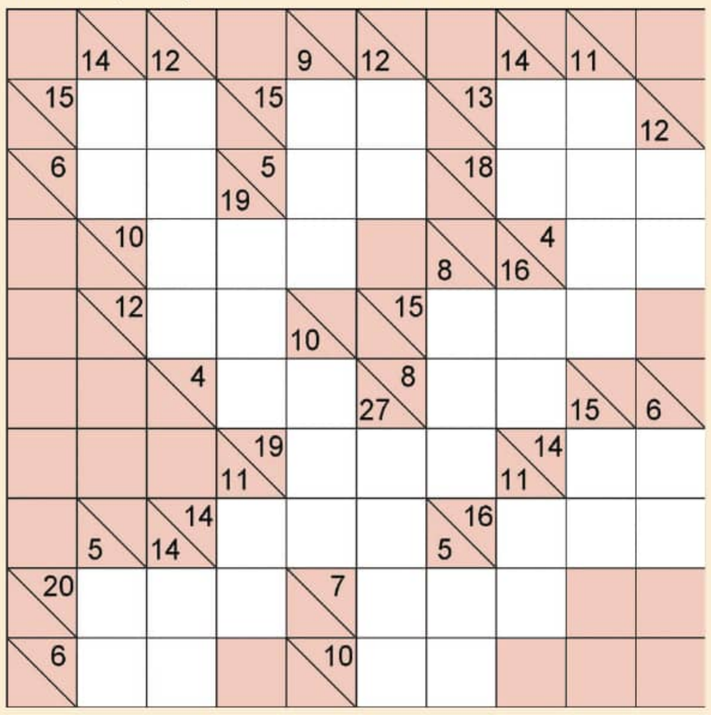
What is the sum of all of the common divisors of 32, 64 and 96?

Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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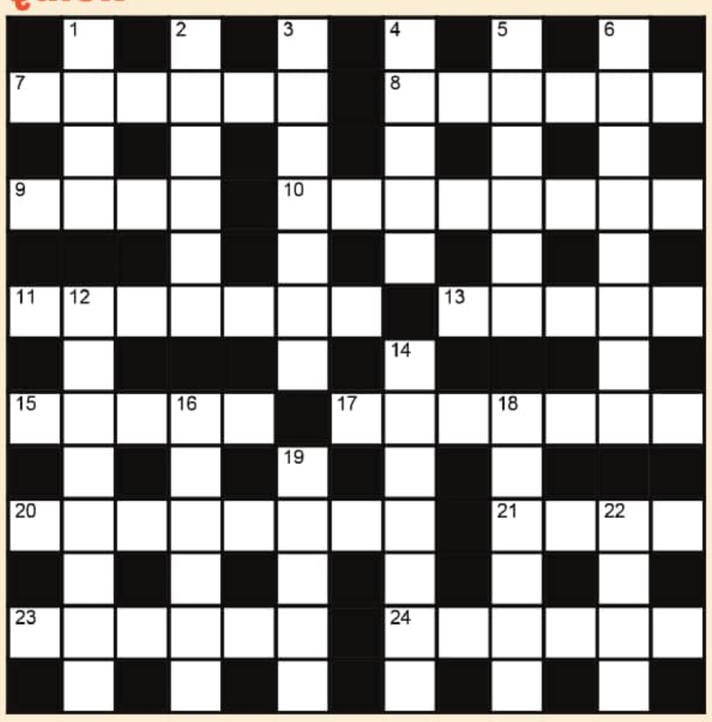


ACROSS

7 Piece used in a game (6)
8 Sausage in a roll (3,3)
9 Speechless, mute (4)
10 Relating to a choice of one of two possible courses (6-2)
11 Spoke indistinctly (7)
13 Send out or emit (5)
15 Journalistic coup (5)
17 Brawl or street fight, in a way (5,2)
20 First alphabets of one's name? (8)
21 Nipa palm (4)
23 Soften (6)
24 Eases, in a way? (4,2)

DOWN

1 Bean curd (4)
2 Wood (6)
3 Crouched or shrunk back in fear; huddled up (7)
4 Snapshot (5)
5 Emphasise (6)
6 Capital of Hawaii (8)
12 Permits (8)
14 ___ Market: Market In Shivajinagar (7)
16 Inn-yard's horse-handler (6)
18 Geographical maps or plans (6)
19 Yuletide entertainment (5)
22 In _ __ : stagnant? (1,3)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: V EQUALS O

RT AVK MLMU FNIUN NV TMMS NVV EVVY IQVKN AVKUFMST, NJMA JILM NJRF NJRBE HISS-MY NJM RBNMUBMN, IBY AVK HIB TRBY I SVN VT WMVWSM NJMUM CJV YVB'N SRXM AVK.

Linemaro

Excuse me, is your name Grace? Because you are so amazing!

Mindchow

Fear is the mother of morality

Joke of the day

The second day of a diet is always easier than the first; by the second day, you're off it

Loop

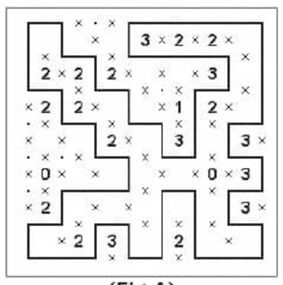
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

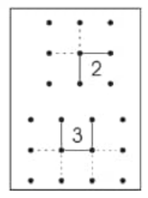
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

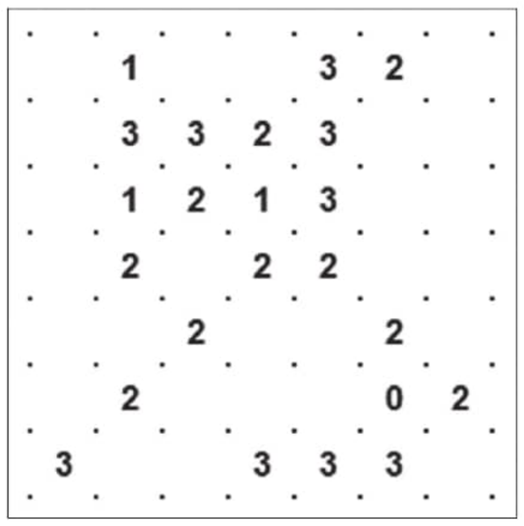
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



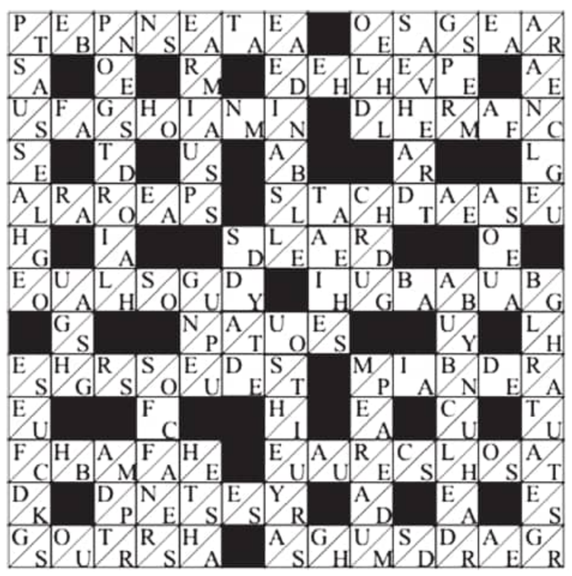
(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...

1	2	3 A	4	5
6				
7				
8				
9				

ACROSS

1 Trapa; 6 Smear; 7 An lay; 8 Coin I; 9 Cater

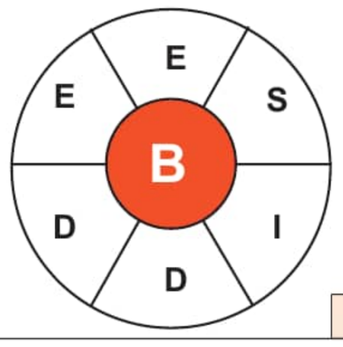
DOWN

1 Manic; 2 Par yo; 3 A Nasa; 4 Litre; 5 Carte

Mensapuzzle

Which number is missing?

Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

02 Average; 03 Good; 04 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

	3		9	8				7
		5						6
		6		5			8	
7		9			2			
	2	8	1		7	9	6	
			8			7		5
	6			1		5		
2						1		
3				7	9		4	

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

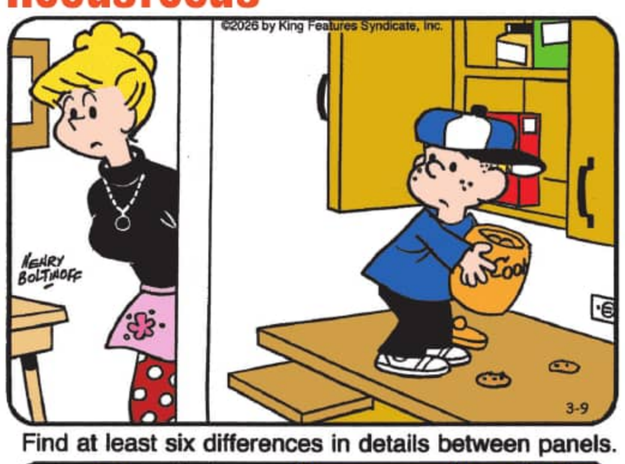
Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 4
1 3 4 4

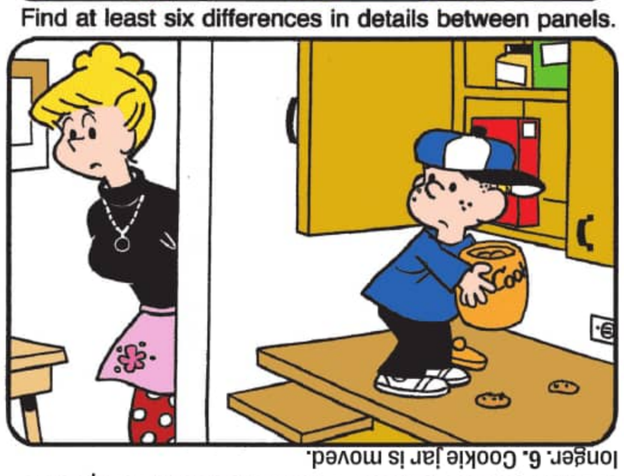
Medium = 16
1 2 5 9

Hard = 15
3 5 9 9

Hocusfocus



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



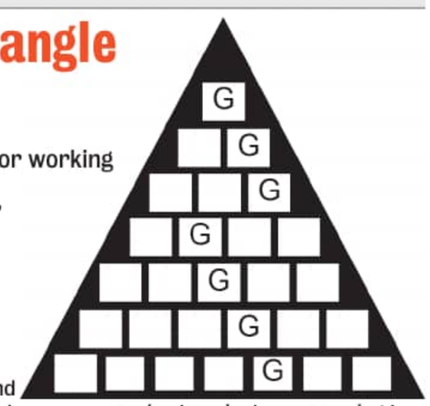
Differences: 1. Cabinet door is wider. 2. Table is lower. 3. Box in cabinet is taller. 4. Handle is smaller. 5. Apron is longer. 6. Cookie jar is moved.

Riddler

What is in your body for free the first and the second time but the third time you have to buy yourself?

Alpha triangle

1 1000 colloquially
2 Silver symbol
3 Weaken, or tire
4 Prepares wood for working
5 Green plums
6 India's holy river
7 Involves



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

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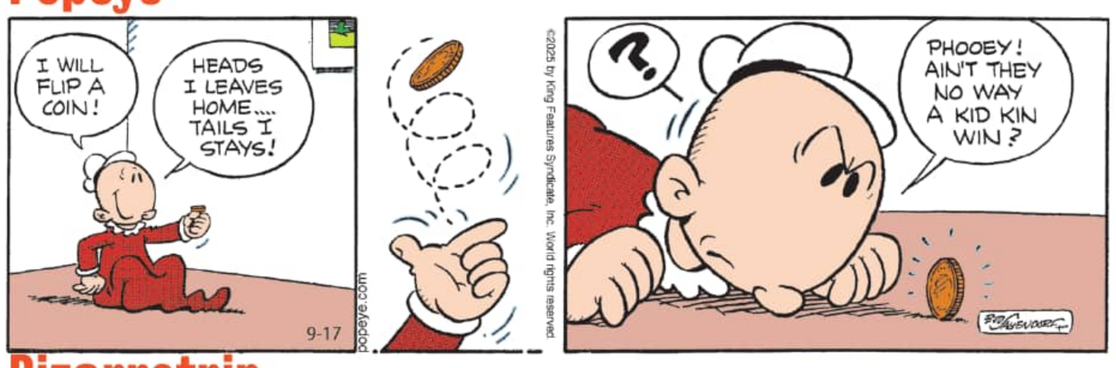
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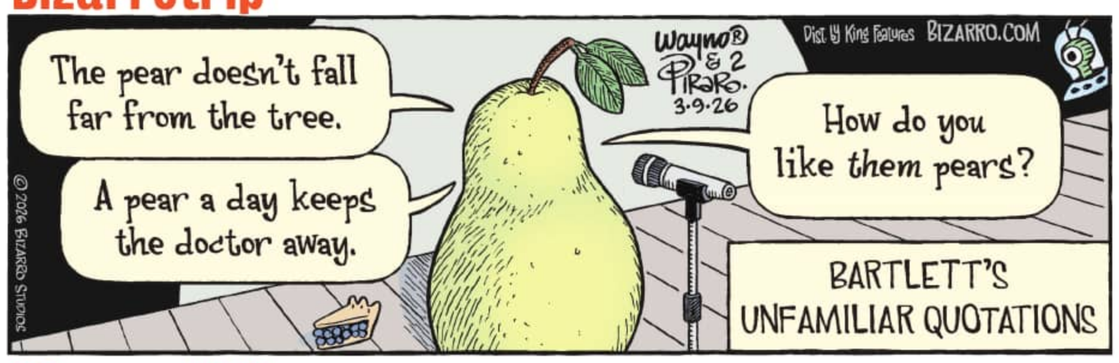
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Diamond Lil

Hart of the city

WHAT'S GOT HEART IN SUCH A GOOD MOOD?
SHE'S HELPING TOBY WITH HIS HOMEWORK LATER. SHE'S GOT A HUGE CRUSH ON HIM FOR SOME REASON.
OH... YOU LIKE HEART. UH, SHE COULD BE HELPING TOBY OUT OF PURE KINDNESS.
IT'S OKAY. YOU DON'T HAVE TO LIE TO ME.
I KNOW HEART IS VERY MOTIVATED BY ATTENTION. AND SNACKS. BUT MOSTLY ATTENTION.
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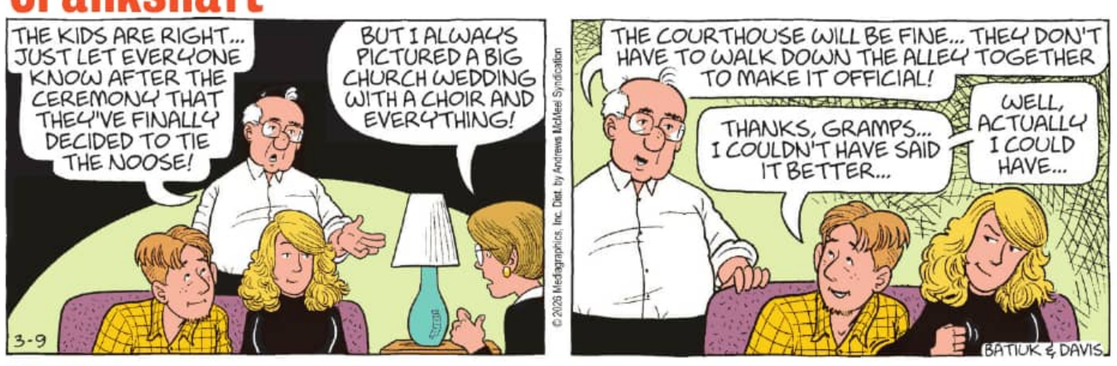
Crankshaft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BUT I ALWAYS PICTURED A BIG CHURCH WEDDING WITH A CHOIR AND EVERYTHING!
3-9
THE COURTHOUSE WILL BE FINE... THEY DON'T HAVE TO WALK DOWN THE ALLEY TOGETHER TO MAKE IT OFFICIAL!
THANKS, GRAMPS... I COULDN'T HAVE SAID IT BETTER...
WELL, ACTUALLY I COULD HAVE...
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Mutts

WRITTEN IN THE STARS

DR SUNDEEP KOCHAR

If it's your birthday today

A major professional milestone is finally achieved, bringing well-deserved recognition and public praise. Your financial strategy should now shift toward long-term wealth accumulation and legacy planning. In love, a fun, nostalgic date rejuvenates a long-term bond. Pay close attention to your feet and posture; a soothing massage or new shoes will work wonders today.

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20

Your beliefs about love remain strong today, even if others question your romantic choices or perspectives. Outside opinions do not define your happiness. Trust your heart confidently and continue following the relationship path that feels right.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20

Romantic tension may arise today due to differing opinions between you and your partner. Calm communication and understanding help restore harmony beautifully. Listening openly while expressing your own perspective strengthens emotional connection and mutual respect naturally now.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21

Love appears more naturally when you stop chasing it desperately and allow connections to unfold peacefully instead. Relaxing your expectations creates emotional balance beautifully. Patience and self-confidence help meaningful affection move toward you effortlessly over time.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23

Your heart and mind may pull you in opposite directions today, creating uncertainty around romantic decisions. Instead of rushing, allow yourself more time and clarity. Genuine connections remain patient while you sort through your emotions carefully.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23

Feeling slightly distant from your partner today may increase your desire for reassurance and closeness naturally. Giving them healthy space, however, strengthens trust beautifully. Independence within relationships helps maintain balance, comfort, and deeper emotional understanding over time.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23

Offering romantic advice today works best when kindness and encouragement guide your words carefully. Highlighting strengths before discussing concerns helps others feel understood rather than judged. Compassionate honesty strengthens trust while making your guidance easier to accept.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22

Romantic energy surrounds you beautifully today, attracting exciting and unexpected attention your way naturally. Staying open-minded allows fresh possibilities and meaningful connections to develop. Exploring different experiences helps expand your confidence, joy, and emotional opportunities greatly now.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22

Today encourages focusing inward rather than pursuing romance or emotional distractions unnecessarily. Solitude brings valuable clarity, healing, and personal growth beautifully. Strengthening your relationship with yourself now prepares you for healthier and more meaningful connections later.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22

Meeting new people and expanding your social circle brings exciting romantic possibilities today. Stepping outside your comfort zone increases opportunities for meaningful companionship naturally. Confidence, openness, and genuine effort help attract interesting and rewarding new connections ahead.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20

A lighthearted romantic connection or summer fling may bring excitement and balance into your busy life today. Staying open to possibilities adds fun without demanding seriousness immediately. Enjoying the moment helps refresh your energy and perspective beautifully.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19

Positive changes begin unfolding within your love life today, especially involving someone you already admire deeply. Their attention and interest bring excitement, happiness, and emotional validation naturally. Enjoy this beautiful shift and embrace the affection coming your way.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20

Slowing down romantically today creates valuable space for reflection, healing, and personal clarity. Stepping back from emotional intensity helps you reconnect with yourself beautifully. Focusing on friendships, work, and inner growth restores balance and peace naturally.

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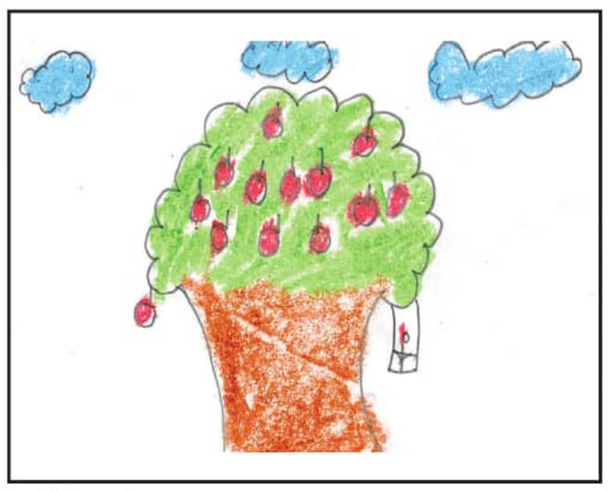

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M

32=2⁵, 64=2⁶, 96=2⁵×3, common divisors are 1+2+4+8+16+32=63

BULL'S EYE

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RIDDLER

Your teeth. You get baby teeth and adult teeth as part of the life package, but once you lose those you get to pay for dentures.

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MENSA PUZZLE

64. Each box represents the cube of numbers 1, 2, 3 and 4.

QUOTE UNCODE

If you ever start to feel too good about yourself, they have this thing called the Internet, and you can find a lot of people there who don't like you.

SUDOKU

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ALPHA TRIANGLE

G, Ag, Sag, Ages, Gages, Ganges, Engages.

GO FIGURE

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Medium
5 + 2 + 9 x 1 = 16
Hard
9 + 5 - 9 x 3 = 15

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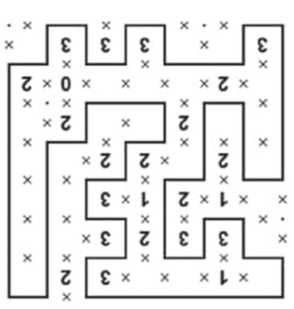

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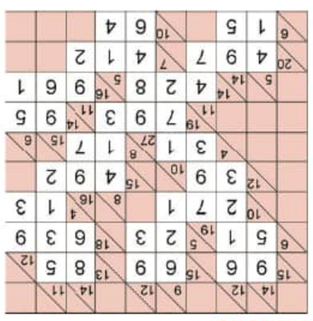

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